

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-603-C - ORDER NO. 2001-248

MARCH 19, 2001

IN RE:	Application of Qwest Communications)	ORDER APPROVING
	Corporation for Approval of Alternative)	ALTERNATIVE
	Regulation.)	REGULATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Qwest Communications Corporation (Qwest or the Company) for alternative regulation of its business interexchange, consumer card and inbound toll-free number services in accordance with the principles and procedures established for relaxed regulation in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Company published a Notice of Filing of its Application in the Commission subscription service. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed.

Accordingly, we must consider the relief requested by the Company. Qwest requests that its business services offerings be regulated under the form of relaxed regulation.

Accordingly, Qwest requests that this Commission issue an Order applying the relaxed regulatory procedures to its business service, consumer card, inbound toll-free number service and directory assistance offering in accordance with the principles and procedures established for relaxed regulation in Orders No. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket

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No. 95-661-C. Any tariffs filed by Qwest under this form of regulation would not be subject to maximum rates and would be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within seven (7) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filings.

We have examined this matter and agree with Qwest that the services described should be regulated under relaxed regulation as described in the above-named Orders. We agree that, in Order to foster competition, the Company should be regulated as requested. We therefore approve the Company's Application as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)